

House of Representatives, April 14, 1998. The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. DYSON, 94th DIST., Chairman of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ELDERLY PERSONS AND NONELDERLY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) The Commissioner of Economic
2 and Community Development shall, in consultation
3 with the Department of Social Services, the State
4 Building Inspector, the Office of Protection and
5 Advocacy, the Department of Information and
6 Technology and the Office of Policy and
7 Management, establish a state-wide electronic
8 database of information on the availability of
9 dwelling units in the state which are accessible
10 to or adaptable for persons with disabilities.
11 Such database shall include such information as:
12 (1) The location of, the monthly rent for and the
13 number of bedrooms in each such dwelling unit, (2)
14 the type of housing and neighborhood in which each
15 such dwelling unit is located, (3) the vacancy
16 status of each such dwelling unit, (4) if a unit
17 is unavailable, the date such unit is expected to
18 become available, and (5) any feature of each such
19 unit that makes it accessible to or adaptable for
20 persons with disabilities. To the extent feasible,
21 the Commissioner of Economic and Community

22 Development shall use information from the
23 computer-assisted mass appraisal systems.

24 Sec. 2. (NEW) The Commissioner of Economic
25 and Community Development shall award
26 grants-in-aid to housing authorities, municipal
27 developers and nonprofit corporations operating
28 elderly housing projects pursuant to part VI of
29 chapter 128 of the general statutes, (1) to hire
30 resident services coordinators to assist residents
31 of such housing to maintain an independent living
32 status, (2) to assess the individual needs of
33 residents of such housing for the purpose of
34 establishing and maintaining support services, (3)
35 to maintain regular contact with residents of such
36 housing, (4) to monitor the delivery of support
37 services to residents of such housing, (5) to
38 advocate changes in services sought or required by
39 residents of such housing and (6) to provide
40 mediation and conflict resolution services. The
41 commissioner shall award grants-in-aid based on
42 demonstration of need and availability of matching
43 funds. A joint application made by more than one
44 housing authority, municipal developer or
45 nonprofit corporation shall have the same
46 preference as an application made by one housing
47 authority, municipal developer or nonprofit
48 corporation.

49 Sec. 3. (NEW) The employment of resident
50 services coordinators by a housing authority,
51 municipal developer or nonprofit corporation
52 operating elderly housing projects pursuant to
53 part VI of chapter 128 of the general statutes
54 shall be considered an allowable expense.

55 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect July 1,
56 1998.

57	HSG	COMMITTEE VOTE:	YEA 9	NAY 0	JFS	C/R	PD
58	PD	COMMITTEE VOTE:	YEA 19	NAY 0	JFS	C/R	APP
59	APP	COMMITTEE VOTE:	YEA 41	NAY 2	JF		

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SHB 5048

STATE IMPACT Implements A Provision in the Budget, see below

MUNICIPAL IMPACT None

STATE AGENCY(S) Department of Economic and Community Development, Various

	Current FY	1998-99	1999-2000
State Cost	:	:	: 500,000 :
(savings)	:	: 550,000	: (on-going) :
St Revenue	:	:	:
(loss)	:	:	:
Net St Cost	:	:	:
(savings)	:	:	:
Municipal	:	:	:
Impact	:	:	:

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE IMPACT: Funds, in the amount of \$550,000, have been included in SHB 5021 (the Appropriations Act, as favorably reported from the Appropriations Committee) for FY 1998-99. Of this amount, \$50,000 is provided to create a rental registry and \$500,000 is to be used for grants-in-aid to housing authorities and non-profit corporations. The grant-in-aid is to be used to hire resident service coordinators to assist residents in elderly housing units to maintain independent living status. The budget narrative provides that the housing

authorities provide a 50/50 match of which half of the match can be an in-kind match.

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OLR BILL ANALYSIS

SHB 5048

AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ELDERLY PERSONS AND NONELDERLY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

SUMMARY: This bill requires the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) commissioner to establish a statewide electronic database on the availability of housing units accessible to, or adaptable for use by, people with disabilities.

It requires DECD to give grants-in-aid to housing authorities, municipal developers, and nonprofit corporations operating elderly housing to:

1. hire resident services coordinators to assess residents in maintaining independent living;
2. assess residents' individual needs in order to provide support service;
3. maintain regular contact with the residents;
4. monitor the delivery of support services to them;
5. advocate changes in services sought or required by the residents; and
6. provide mediation and conflict resolution services.

It requires the DECD commissioner to award the resident service coordinator grants based on need and availability of matching funds. A joint application has the same preference as an application made by a single entity. It also makes hiring a resident services coordinator an allowable expense for these entities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1998

FURTHER EXPLANATION**Database**

The bill requires the database to include at least information on:

1. the location of, monthly rent for, and the number of bedrooms in each unit;
2. the type of housing and neighborhood the unit is in;
3. whether the unit is vacant or not;
4. the date an unavailable unit is expected to become available; and
5. any unit feature that makes it accessible to or adaptable for use by disabled people.

The DECD commissioner must develop the database in consultation with the departments of Social Services and Information Technology, the state building inspector, the Office of Protection and Advocacy, and the Office of Policy and Management. He must use any information he can from the computer-assisted mass appraisal system to develop the database. (This is a computer system towns use to do property revaluation.)

COMMITTEE ACTION

Select Committee on Housing

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference
Yea 9 Nay 0

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference
Yea 19 Nay 0

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report
Yea 41 Nay 2